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'Sussex is an amazing place
to study, and Brighton is
a wonderful place to live.'

Sara Orning

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University of Sussex





Introduction

Each year we welcome around 3,500 students into University housing and help many others with accommodation in the private rented sector. This guide will give you information and advice about the housing and other support services available at the University of Sussex, and help you decide which type of accommodation would suit you best if you decide to study here. If you are being sent this guide because you already have an offer of a place at Sussex, then you should also have been sent a housing application form that will need to be completed and returned by the stated closing date.

We hope this booklet gives you the information you need about living at Sussex. For more information on housing as well as views of the residences, take a look at our website: www.sussex.ac.uk/residentialservices or contact the Housing Office. We look forward to welcoming you to Sussex.

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Please note that during September the Housing Office is extremely busy and it may be difficult to get through by phone. Emails will be answered as soon as possible but there may be a delay.

Applying for a place in University accommodation

Allocation policy

The University guarantees housing to the following students:

- new full-time undergraduates who firmly accept an academic offer through UCAS, and who return a completed housing application form to the University by 1 August;
- visiting and exchange students coming to Sussex for either the autumn term or a full academic year who return a completed housing application form to the University by 1 August;
- new full-time postgraduates on research degrees (ie DPhil/MPhil) who firmly accept an academic offer and who return a completed housing application form and prepayment to the University by 1 August;
- new full-time non-EU postgraduates on taught courses (ie MA/MSc/LLM, MMath, MPhys and MChem) who firmly accept an academic offer and who return a completed housing application form and prepayment to the University by 1 August.

Subject to the following exceptions:

- students who commence their course after the start of the autumn term;
- students only studying at Sussex for part of the academic year (ie some visiting and exchange students);
- students bringing dependants (please see the section on family flats).

Insurance and clearing students

The University makes every effort to house candidates who are placed at Sussex after holding an insurance offer or who come through clearing. However, unless you have a disability (see right), no guarantee can be given that this will be in university-managed accommodation. If we are unable to place you we will usually offer you accommodation with a host family in the surrounding area. You will automatically be placed on the housing waiting list and given priority for University housing as soon as a room becomes available.

Home/EU postgraduates on taught courses

Although students in this category are not guaranteed University housing, you are still eligible to apply and we will make every effort to offer you suitable housing.



Medical/special housing needs

The University will make every effort to meet the requirements of students who have a special housing need. Please ensure that you tick the special needs box on the housing application form when applying and we will contact you separately so you can let us know your needs confidentially. We can also arrange an individual visit for you to see available accommodation so you can make the best choice for you. We know that it is particularly important to get your housing requirements right for you to fully enjoy your time at Sussex.

We can provide adapted accommodation suitable for students with restricted mobility and hearing impairments. We also provide space for Social Services funded helpers to accompany students who need more specialised care. In addition, there is a range of suitable accommodation available for other medical conditions, eg en-suite rooms for those with IBS and related conditions, or rooms for students with Asperger Syndrome or other similar impairments.

Students with serious medical conditions will be able to apply to stay on in University accommodation for their continuing years at Sussex.

Family flats

There are approximately 60 family flats in university-owned properties, the majority of which are located on campus. Most of the flats are small with one bedroom and, therefore, are only suitable for letting to a maximum of two adults and one child. Please do not bring your children with you until you have a firm offer of accommodation or have made alternative arrangements.

Interested applicants should contact the Housing Office direct for further information and an application form.



Living at University

This section outlines general information about living in University-managed accommodation at Sussex.

There are seven different areas of accommodation on or near to campus and a wide variety of residences off campus. In total, we are able to house approximately 3,500 students, the vast majority of these being new first year undergraduates and postgraduates. Each of the residences is managed by a building manager who, assisted by a team of porters and other housekeeping staff, is responsible for looking after the area.

All of the residences apart from studio flats share kitchen/communal areas and the majority share bath/shower/toilet facilities. Most of the residences are mixed sex (however, there are a few all-female flats available) and all the residences are self-catering; but don't worry, there are plenty of catering outlets on campus if you prefer to have your food cooked for you.

Kitchens are supplied with cookers, fridge-freezers, kettles and most have microwaves – students will need to bring their own cutlery, crockery and cooking utensils. There are laundry facilities on campus and in all of the off-campus properties. All residences are heated and furnished with a bed, desk and chair, bookshelf and wardrobe*. Most rooms also have their own sink. Students usually prefer to bring their own bed linen; however, a set of quality new bedding (including duvet, duvet cover, bottom sheet, pillow case and pillow) can be purchased from Residential Services upon arrival for £35-£40.

Communal areas are cleaned on a regular basis but this does not include washing up. You are responsible for keeping your own room clean and, if in an en-suite room, you must also keep your own bathroom clean.

Smoking

It is anticipated that all residences will be non-smoking by September 2007.

Cars, parking and travel information

Students living on campus will not be able to park a car on campus (except for residential advisors, students who have a disability or students with families). Students living in off-campus properties will be able to park on campus for a fee and will need to register their vehicle with the Security Office at York House. There are over 500 bicycle racks on campus and cycle lanes into Brighton and Lewes as well as good public transport links, so you may consider it better not to bring a car with you to Sussex – particularly as parking in the city can also be difficult in central areas.

There is a railway station at Falmer and frequent buses from the city centre onto campus. On production of a NUS card, you will be able to buy a Unizone ticket which allows unrestricted train travel in the Brighton area. You will also be able to get a weekly, three-monthly or annual bus pass. A late night bus service operates from the city centre out to the Falmer campus during term time.

For more information about travel to and around Sussex, look at our website:

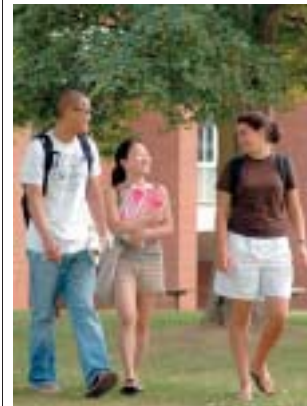
www.sussex.ac.uk/USIS/campus/travel

Internet and telephone access

All on-campus rooms have a telephone which can be connected by the student via Keycom, the operating company. All on-campus residences have broadband-type internet connection to the University's computer network. Off campus, King's Road has a direct network connection from each study bedroom and the smaller properties have wireless hubs.

International students and mature students

Students of all nationalities are normally integrated within each residence. However, for those who want it, there are also designated international areas in most of the on-campus residences. Visiting students at Sussex for one term only are mostly housed together in York House. Mature students have the option of living together on the top floor of Norwich House.



*Some off-campus head-leased properties (see page 9) may have a hanging rail and chest of drawers instead of a wardrobe.



Noise

With a large number of young people, many of them living away from home for the first time, university accommodation can be noisy at times. We try to prevent problems in the first place by housing postgraduates together and designating a certain number of rooms in undergraduate residences as 'quiet' accommodation or as accommodation for mature students. We also deal firmly with any students who persist in annoying others with an unreasonable amount of noise. However, if you think that quieter accommodation would suit you better, please let us know on your housing application form and we will try to place you in a quiet area.

Rent and tenancies

Rents vary according to room size and facilities offered. Average rents can be found under the details of each residence from page 6. Rent is always due in advance and can be paid in one lump sum, by monthly direct debit or by three equal instalments covering the academic year. Students will be able to set up their rent payments online through Sussex Direct from early September.

The Housing Office will send out tenancy agreements and related information to visiting and exchange students and undergraduate students already holding unconditional firm offers in late July/early August. Students waiting for their A level results will be sent their residence information in early September. Postgraduate students will be sent residence information as soon as possible after the 1 August deadline. Tenancy agreements are usually for 39 weeks in undergraduate accommodation and 49 weeks in postgraduate accommodation (or full year tenancies for family flats).

Residential advisors

Residential advisors (RAs) are predominantly second and third year students who live within the residences and have responsibility for a group of first year students. Their function is to provide basic information, help along communal living and be a port of call for new students experiencing problems. They may not be able to solve the problem but they have been trained, know how the system works and are able to refer you to the network of student support services on campus. They are likely to be the first students you get to know after arriving and will help you to settle in to your residential area.

Room swaps

The Housing Office tries to put students into the type of accommodation they request but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so for everyone. Some types of accommodation are over-subscribed and this means that there will always be a proportion of students who are in accommodation they have not requested. As it is so busy at the start of the academic year we are not usually able to move people around during the first few weeks but we operate a swap list which enables students to get in touch with other students who may want to swap. There is an administrative fee for arranging this.

Security

The University has its own Security Office based on the ground floor of York House. Security officers patrol the campus day and night. All security staff are qualified first aiders and can respond quickly to emergencies. A part of their service is to provide escort facilities after dark if requested. Although they do not patrol the off-campus residences they will give support and advice if off-campus staff are not available.

There is a 24-hour reception desk based in York House which can provide help and advice for students in the residences. If parents need to contact a student urgently and are unable to get in touch directly, our 24-hour reception will get a message through to the student.

Moving on

The majority of students will need to move out of University accommodation at the end of their first year and enter the private rented sector for their continuing years at Sussex. The Housing Office will give you the information to help you do this, so don't worry, you won't be on your own. However, if you decide to move out of University accommodation during your first year, you will be charged a termination fee and may have to continue to pay rent until the room is relet.



'I live on campus working as a residential advisor (RA) and am in my final year of a Masters degree in Electronic Communications

Engineering.

'As a residential advisor I have been given specific training to make students' transition to life at Sussex as smooth as possible. The roles and duties of a RA include being available to offer students help and advice; upholding and obeying the rules and regulations of the University; confronting anti-social behaviour and activities that affect the health and safety of all residents; as well as facilitating or mediating disputes when necessary.

'During my studies at Sussex I have lived both on and off campus. I can pass on my knowledge of university life to new students to help them feel more comfortable and confident. As a RA I build relationships with students and members of staff, and get a better understanding of issues students deal with on a daily basis.'

Curtis
Barker
Residential
advisor



6 **Living on campus**

Students have the advantage of living within a 10 minute walk of their lecture theatres as well as living in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The campus is well served by restaurants, banks, shops and bars and is a lively place during term time. Each hall of residence offers a different type of accommodation, ranging from smaller budget housing up to top-of-the-range en-suite bedrooms in the newer flats. All on-campus rooms have broadband-type network access.

Transport into Brighton or the nearby town of Lewes is easy as buses are frequent and trains from Falmer station run regularly. However, as part of the University's environmental and transport policy, students living on campus are not permitted to have cars parked on campus (unless they are disabled or have children living with them in one of the family flats). There are over 500 bicycle racks on campus and cycle lanes into both Lewes and Brighton.



Lewes Court (Phase 1 and Phase 2)

Tenancy type: 39 weeks
2007 standard single guideline rent: £88.80 per week
2007 en-suite guideline rent: £101 per week
2007 studio guideline rent: £105 per week
Service charges: electricity
Number of bed spaces: 234 standard rooms, 224 en-suite rooms, 39 studio flats
Other information: six family flats
Allocated to: undergraduates
Address: Lewes Court, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9RU

Located adjacent to Park Village at the back of the campus, Lewes Court consists of five- and six-person flats with a few studio and family flats. There are also several rooms specially designed for students with disabilities. Each flat has its own kitchen/dining room/lounge area. The majority of rooms in Phase 1 are in flats with shared bathrooms but each bedroom has its own wash basin. All Phase 2 rooms are en-suite.

Brighthelm

Tenancy type: 39 and 49 weeks
2007 single room guideline rent: £88 per week
Service charges: gas and electricity
Number of bed spaces: 300
Allocated to: undergraduates and postgraduates
Address: Brighthelm, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9SA

The Brighthelm residences consist of 60 five-bedroom houses. Some houses are reserved for new undergraduates and others for postgraduates. All houses have well equipped kitchen/diners (including washing machines and tumble dryers). Each bedroom has its own washbasin and there are two bathrooms in each house.



Please note that the 2007 rents shown are guidelines only and are not yet confirmed



East Slope

Tenancy type: 39 weeks
2007 single room guideline rent: £68
2007 shared room guideline rent: £47-£58 per person
Service charges: none
Number of bed spaces: 516 undergraduate 52 postgraduate
Additional information: 10 family flats
Address: East Slope, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9RP

East Slope comprises 100 terraced single-storey flats which are designed primarily for groups of six to twelve students. In addition there are six small flats for families, and eight small two-bed flats. All flats have kitchen/dining rooms, shower and toilet facilities. There is also a social centre which houses the Manager's office, Porter's lodge and a lively student bar offering live music on some nights.



Park Village

Tenancy type: 39 weeks
2007 single room guideline rent: £81
Service charges: none
Number of bed spaces: 552
Allocated to: undergraduates
Additional Information: 36 family flats on site
Address: Park Village, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9RD

The Park Village residences consist of adjoining three-storey houses which are laid out to form a pedestrian precinct. Each house consists of 12 single study bedrooms, two kitchens and bath, shower and toilet facilities. The bedrooms all have their own washbasins. In total the Village consists of 468 single rooms, 24 small two-bed flats and 36 family flats. There is also a social centre which houses the Manager's office, Porter's lodge, families' room and a popular student cocktail bar where you can get a free drink on your birthday.



The Park Houses

Tenancy type: 39 weeks
2007 single room guideline rent: £81
2007 en-suite room guideline rent: £98.50
Service charges: none
Number of bed spaces: 485
Allocated to: undergraduates
Addresses: Lancaster House, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9QP
Norwich House, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9QS
Kent House, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9RL
York House, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9QR

The Park Houses consist in the main of single study bedrooms, each with a washbasin. The kitchens are shared between approximately 12 students and bathroom/toilet facilities are shared between six students. Each house also has its own TV room. There are a few en-suite rooms available, but these are normally reserved for students with health problems.



Rikki's perspective



'When I first stepped into my new study bedroom I was pleasantly surprised at how big it was – light, airy and with everything I needed, even my own sink and telephone. Then I was struck by the view: my window opened out onto the beautiful scene of cows grazing on the Sussex Downs. 'Once I unpacked and had my posters and pictures up, my new room started to feel like home. That is one of the best things about the student accommodation here at Sussex; it is your home. There are no curfews and if you want to have people to stay, you can. You instantly gain your independence, but with that independence comes responsibility, like having to feed yourself. All the halls at Sussex are self-catering and at first I could barely cook toast. It wasn't long before I taught myself, and my new housemates and I decided we would take it in turn to cook meals. I settled in really quickly with my substitute family, and now I can whip up the best fajitas in Brighton. Although my housemates might not agree!'

Rikki Dean



New residence – Falmer

Tenancy type: 39 and 49 weeks
 2007 single room guideline rent: £101
 Service charge: electricity
 Number of bedspaces: 463 en-suite rooms, 11 studio flats
 Allocated to: undergraduates and postgraduates
 Address: to be confirmed

Located opposite the entrance of the campus by Falmer Station, this new development consists of a number of self-contained cluster flats housing between four and six students. Each flat has its own kitchen/dining room/lounge area and all rooms have en-suite bathrooms. In addition, there are a number of single-person studio flats and accommodation for students with a physical disability.



New residence – Bramer

Tenancy type: 39 weeks
 2007 single room guideline rent: £100
 Service charge: electricity
 Number of bedspaces: 250 en-suite rooms
 Allocated to: undergraduates
 Address: to be confirmed

Situated in a central position on the campus opposite Bramer House, this new development consists of a number of self-contained cluster flats housing between four and seven students. Four rooms have been designed specially for students with a physical disability. Each flat has its own kitchen/dining room/lounge area and all rooms have en-suite bathrooms.



Housing available at Sussex off campus

The University has a diverse portfolio of properties situated in central areas of the vibrant seaside city of Brighton & Hove.

Transport links to campus are good, with properties being situated either near to the 25 bus route which serves campus, or close to one of the city's train stations.

Many students prefer to live off campus so they can take advantage of the lively social and cultural activities available and have easy access back to their residence at the end of the night.

8 and 10 Windlesham Road, Brighton

Tenancy type: 39 or 49 weeks
2007 single room guideline rents: £68-£72
Service charges: none
Number of bed spaces: 21
Allocated to: to be decided
Address: 8/10 Windlesham Road, Hove BN1 3AG

These two detached properties are situated in a residential area within the city, close to shops and other facilities and within easy walking distance of public transport to the University. The properties house 21 students in total in single rooms, most with hand washbasins. Each property is provided with kitchen/diner and laundry facilities.

10/12 York Avenue, Hove

Tenancy type: 39 weeks
2007 single room guideline rents: £60-£75
Service charges: none
Number of bed spaces: 18
Allocated to: undergraduates
Address: 10/12 York Avenue, Hove BN3 1PH

This property consists of two adjoining houses situated in a residential area within five minutes walk to local shops and other city centre facilities, and within easy walking distance of public transport to the University. The property houses 18 students in single rooms. Most rooms have hand washbasins, there is a communal lounge and laundry facility on site.

12, 14 and 49 Florence Road, Brighton

Tenancy type: 39 weeks
2007 single room guideline rents: £66-£76
2007 shared room guideline rent: £49 per person
Service charges: none
Number of bed spaces: 20
Allocated to: undergraduates
Additional information: four family flats on site
Address: 12/14/49 Florence Road, Brighton BN1 6DJ

The University owns three properties in this tree-lined residential road in the city. The properties are situated minutes away from London Road station. Most rooms have hand washbasins, and there are laundry facilities on site. In total approximately 20

students are accommodated in single and shared rooms. There are also four family flats which are allocated to students with accompanying children.

13 Victoria Road, Brighton

Tenancy type: 39 or 49 weeks
2007 single room guideline rents: £68-£74
Service charges: none
Number of bed spaces: nine
Allocated to: to be decided
Address: 13 Victoria Road, Brighton BN1 3FS

Located in the city centre, this historic building has connections with the suffragettes' movement and borders the Seven Dials and Western Road shopping area. All rooms have hand washbasins and there are laundry facilities on site.

18 Clifton Road, Brighton

Tenancy type: 39 or 49 weeks
2007 single room guideline rents: £69-£72
2007 shared room guideline rent: £64 per person
Service charges: none
Number of bed spaces: eight
Allocated to: to be decided
Address: 18 Clifton Road, Brighton BN1 3HN

This property is situated in the very popular Seven Dials area of the city. It is within easy access of Brighton station, the seafront, and other city centre facilities. In total eight students are housed in four two-bedroom self contained flats. Laundry facilities are provided within the property.

King's Road, Brighton

Tenancy type: 49 week agreement
2007 single room guideline rent: £84-£85
Service charges: electricity
Number of bed spaces: 124
Allocated to: postgraduates
Address: 51-53 King's Road, Brighton BN1 1NA

This residence is situated on Brighton seafront, with many rooms offering wonderful sea views. The self-contained flats, which comprise the residence, house three to six students, with each flat having its own kitchen/diner, bath, shower and toilet facilities; with laundry facilities on site. Each bedroom has its own washbasin.

Headleasing Scheme

As well as the larger properties mentioned above, there are a number of small houses managed by the University. Many of these are reserved for self-selecting groups of returning students but a proportion are allocated to groups of new undergraduates or postgraduates.



From top: Windlesham Road; King's Road

Kathleen's perspective



'I find student life off-campus amazing! It is the best way to take a break from university, finish your day and go back to an active social life. Living in off-campus accommodation is a great way to keep you on the go and to experience life in Brighton. Pubs, clubs, shopping, restaurants, cinema, the marina, the pier, the beach in the summer, everything is within walking distance. And Sussex is easily accessible by bus or train. People in Brighton are very friendly and welcoming, and living off-campus makes you socialise with people outside University: popping into the shop next door, chatting with the neighbours, or going for a drink in a pub. Brighton is so lively – it really is a 24/7 city!'

Kathleen Laissy



Residences – at a glance guide

Residence	Location	Number of students*	Postgrad/ Undergrad	Contract Length	Room Types	WCs, Baths/ Showers	Inclusive	Network Access
Bramber	On campus	250	UG	39 weeks	Single	Ensuite	✗ – pay electricity	✓
Brighthelm	On campus	300	PG/UG	39/49 weeks	Single	Shared 1:2.5	✗ – pay electricity+ gas	✓
Clifton Road	Brighton	8	PG	39 weeks	Single/shared + 1-bed flatlet	Shared 1:2	✓	✗
East Slope	On campus	568	PG/UG	39/52** weeks	Single/shared + flatlets + family flats	Shared 1:6	✓	✓
Falmer	Close to campus	474	PG/UG	39/49 weeks	Single + studio	Ensuite	✗ – pay electricity	✓
Florence Road	Brighton	20	UG	39/52** weeks	Single/shared + family flats	Shared 1:4	✓	✓
King's Road	Brighton	124	PG	49 weeks	Single	Shared 1:6	✗ – pay electricity	✓
Lewes Court Phase 1	On campus	250	UG	39/52** weeks	Single + studios + family flats	Shared 1:6 Some ensuite	✗ – pay electricity	✓
Lewes Court Phase 2	On campus	252	UG	39 weeks	Single + studios	Ensuite	✗ – pay electricity	✓
Park Houses	On campus	482	UG	39 weeks	Single + flatlets	Shared 1:6	✓	✓
Park Village	On campus	516	UG	39/52** weeks	Single + flatlets + family flats	Shared 1:6	✓	✓
Victoria Road	Brighton	9	PG	39 weeks	Single	Shared 1:2.5	✓	✗
Windlesham Road	Brighton	22	PG	49 weeks	Single	Shared 1:4	✓	✗
York Avenue	Hove	18	UG	39 weeks	Single	Shared 1:3	✓	✗

* excluding family flats **all family flats have 52-week tenancies

Services for students

Although housing is an important factor in the student experience, we recognise that, at this stage, you want to know what else we can offer during your time at Sussex.

There are a range of services and facilities which help to support your academic study and life beyond. We try to make sure that everything you need is right here.

Your well-being

The specific support you receive in the residences via the residential advisor has already been mentioned earlier, but there is a wealth of other support services at Sussex should you need a little extra help.

Student advisors

As part of its support arrangements each school has a number of student advisors who are available to help with personal, financial and academic difficulties. They will also refer you to central support services if appropriate and may liaise with academic staff on your behalf. The type of help and advice advisors can offer includes:

- financial information on all sources of University support, including access to learning funds and University scholarships and bursaries;
- personal support if you are experiencing relationship or domestic difficulties or other problems of a personal nature;
- academic advice on transfers, appeals, intermission, plagiarism and help with identifying obstacles to learning and advice on study skill support.

In general, student advisors provide the space and expertise to help you explore the personal aspects of your student experience and how this may be affecting learning.

www.sussex.ac.uk/units/stuserv/student-advisors



Student Support Unit

The University's Student Support Unit offers advice and assistance in securing support to prospective and current students with disabilities and special needs, including dyslexia, and students with mental health difficulties. The type of support ranges from help with locating personal care provision and special accommodation, liaising with other University staff over teaching and examination arrangements and helping to secure individual study support. The majority of study support is funded from the Disabled Student's Allowance. The disability advisors, head of learning support or mental health advisor will assist and advise you in making your funding application and in organising necessary support.

Students with additional learning needs are encouraged to note these on their application forms so that the Student Support Unit can be in contact either during the application process or before arrival at the University. This is to ensure that any additional learning needs, including housing needs, are properly considered and that prospective students are provided with details of the facilities available at Sussex.

www.sussex.ac.uk/units/stuserv/stusupp

Sussex Regional Access Centre

The Sussex Regional Access Centre (SRAC) is based in Lancaster House. The SRAC offers advice to students with disabilities, additional learning needs and specific learning difficulties in respect of assistive technologies, specialist hardware and computer software, training and assessment of needs for students applying for the Disabled Student's Allowance and Access to Learning Funds.

www.sussex.ac.uk/srac

Student Union Advice Centre

The Students' Union Advice Centre provides free confidential advice on a range of issues, such as loans, housing, benefits, or other day-to-day problems that may crop up. Their advisors are professionally trained and offer drop-in sessions and appointments. There is also a wide range of helpful literature available to take away.

www.ussu.info





Childcare Facilities

The University runs a crèche, taking children up to three years old, and a nursery group for three to five year olds. There are local schools for older children living on campus. Numbers in the crèche and nursery are limited, so anyone wishing to place their children must apply directly to the supervisors at an early stage.

www.sussex.ac.uk/childcare

Facilities for worship

Known as the Meeting House, the University has one of the most versatile and beautiful chaplaincy centres in the country. The distinctive circular building, with its coloured-glass walls, is built on two floors. The chapel on the upper level is used for worship and music recitals throughout the week, with services drawing on different traditions of Christian spirituality.

The chaplains are a mixture of full- and part-time, women and men, from different churches and backgrounds. Because most problems are not simply ethical, personal, academic or spiritual, they are available to be consulted over a wide range of issues.

The Jewish community has two part-time chaplains and shares use of the Meeting House; there is also a Jewish centre in Brighton for both orthodox and reformed.

The Muslim Student Centre and mosque is in Falmer House on campus (with separate entrances for men and women). There are also two mosques in Brighton.

www.sussex.ac.uk/units/meeting_house

Health Centre

The Health Service on campus is an NHS independent General Practice with close links to the University, particularly with the welfare agencies. The Health Service building has full disabled access.

General medical care is provided by four doctors. The NHS does not cover all services (eg some immunisations, travel/health certificates, medicals and private sick notes) and a charge will be made. The nurses are skilled in advising on asthma, contraception, minor illness, hay fever, diet, cervical smears and a variety of other conditions.

www.sussex.ac.uk/healthcentre

The health centre building also houses a dental practice and a pharmacy.

Psychological and Counselling Services (PCS)

PCS is housed on campus in a purpose-built building attached to the Health Centre. The Unit has nine part-time therapists, three administrative staff and an additional 25 post-qualified and trainee counsellors, providing therapy to over 750 students every year. The staff offer individual and group therapy and also run groups on anxiety management, substance misuse, eating problems and other difficulties.

www.sussex.ac.uk/units/stuserv/pcs



Employment

Careers Development and Employment Centre

CDEC is located on the first floor of Falmer House on the campus. It provides careers help and advice to Sussex students and graduates. Its comprehensive information service is staffed by professionally trained careers advisors who will conduct individual consultation sessions and are able to provide references and take away literature on career options, employers, postgraduate study and funding, work and study overseas and vacation work. There is also a comprehensive, accessible website and a number of career development workshops and employers' events run during each term. A wide range of part time and temporary work suitable for students is also advertised through CDEC.

www.sussex.ac.uk/cdec

Facilities and time off

As a student at Sussex, you need never be bored. When your academic work is finished there is shopping to do, bars and restaurants to visit and sports facilities to use.

Catering Services

The campus provides a wide range of food and beverage services from early morning to late night, seven days a week during term time. Offering everything from beverages, light snacks, a diverse range of main meal menus, bar services and vending. The academic schools are also host to busy cafés, which are ideal for lunch and breaks between lectures.

www.sussex.ac.uk/catering

Entertainment and retail outlets

The best thing about being on campus is that everything is so handy. Restaurants, bars and sports facilities are just a short walk away and there are plenty of small shops for those basic essentials. Bramber House has a grocery shop, a newsagent, a post office, a launderette, an insurance agency and the University bookshop. There are also a couple of banks on campus with cashpoint machines. The Students' Union runs several shops including a grocery store and a convenience shop, selling everything from cheap stationery and hoodies to excellent bagels.

With so many people living and working together, socialising is, not surprisingly, of paramount importance. There are a number of bars on campus, all of them busy, and each with its own particular vibe. Students also have access to the Gardner Arts Centre, the on-campus theatre and art gallery, which also shows films and student productions.

www.sussex.ac.uk/campus

Sussexsport

Sport at Sussex is delivered by Sussexsport in conjunction with the Students' Union that runs a range of student sports clubs. Sussex offers an excellent range of fitness facilities, programmes and services with the aim of providing the best possible sporting experience during your time at university. Facilities are located on two main sites: the Sport Centre at the south end of campus and the Falmer Sports Complex (up the hill at the eastern end of campus). Facilities range from squash courts, grass pitches to dance studio and a state-of-the-art fitness room.

The sports café bar at the Falmer Sports Complex is suitable for functions and parties, and the lifestyle studio at the Sport Centre offers a sports injury clinic, sports and relaxation massage, aromatherapy, acupuncture, hypnotherapy, and beauty therapy. Sussexsport runs one of the largest dance and movement programmes in the south with over 50 weekly classes and courses in activities such as dance, yoga, tai chi, pilates and aerobics.

www.sussex.ac.uk/sport



Living in the private rented sector

Some first year students will choose to live in the seaside city of Brighton & Hove, taking full advantage of the varied cultural facilities it has to offer. If you decide this is the option for you get in touch with the Housing Office and we will provide a wealth of advice and assistance about where to look and what to look for.

Properties available in the private sector include self-contained houses or flat-shares with other students as well as bedsits or rooms with resident landlords. The University keeps a database of landlords offering accommodation locally and makes the information available to students through our online accommodation web site. Properties registered with the University are generally cheaper than those available through local letting agents and the University works with the local council's Accreditation Scheme to encourage landlords to raise standards in the private rented sector.

To access our online accommodation database, email housing@sussex.ac.uk quoting your registration number or UCAS application number, and a password will be sent to you.

Other options

The Housing Office can supply contact details of local letting agents, but students should note that this is often the most expensive way of finding accommodation as agencies will normally charge a higher deposit and tenancy arrangement fee as well as a fee for taking up references and checking inventories. Students will also normally be required to provide a UK-based guarantor. Students unable to do this will usually have to pay all the rent in advance.

Other places to look for accommodation are local newspapers (*Brighton Evening Argus*, Wednesday editions: www.thisisbrighton.co.uk) and online noticeboards.

As an alternative to renting, many students or their parents consider buying property in the area in order to let out the extra rooms to other students. The Housing Office can advise on the most popular areas for students to live but you will need to contact local estate agents for details of properties available.

Private sector rents

At the time of writing, rents in the private sector average at about £75 per person per week for a room in a shared house, exclusive of bills. It is envisaged that this will increase for the 2007/2008 academic year.

Somewhere to stay

If you need somewhere to stay while looking for accommodation locally, it is normally possible to stay in University residences during the summer vacation. Contact the Housing Office to check availability and prices. There is also a list of local hotels and guesthouses on our website offering special rates to University visitors: www.sussex.ac.uk/about/hotels

The small print

The University makes every effort to deliver housing as set out in this guide. However, due to the large number of students being housed and the diversity of needs, the University reserves the right to make variations to the type of housing offered. The University can not be held responsible for any loss, damage or expense resulting from any delay, variation or failure in the provision of housing or facilities arising from circumstances beyond the University's reasonable control.

While the University takes all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety and security of students occupying university-managed accommodation, the University cannot accept responsibility, and expressly excludes liability, for loss or damage to students' personal property (including computer equipment and software), including any financial or other consequential loss where such loss or damage is a result of theft, fire, flood, computer virus or any cause related to University computer facilities, or any other cause, except where such loss or damage is caused by the University's negligence. It is recommended that students insure personal property against the risk of loss and damage and ensure that they have secure back up copies of any data stored on computers.

The University welcomes comments on its residential services from students' parents and sponsors. However, the University's contracts with its students do not confer rights on third parties for the purposes of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

Last word

We hope this guide has given you the background information you need to help you complete your housing application form. If you are entering University in September 2007 and you do not receive a housing application form with this guide, please contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office, Postgraduate Admissions Office or the International and Study Abroad office (contact details on back page).

All that remains to be said is that we look forward to welcoming you to Sussex.



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University of Sussex campus map

- Information point
- Car park and number
- Visitors' car park
- Bus stop
- Falmer railway station
- 24 hour security point/reception
- School office and information point
- Wheelchair entrance to Library
- BSMS Brighton and Sussex Medical School
- HUMS School of Humanities
- LIFESCI School of Life Sciences
- SCITECH School of Science and Technology
- SOCCUL School of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies
- SI Sussex Institute
- SPRU Science and Technology Policy Research
- IDS Institute of Development Studies
- IES Institute of Employment Studies



University of Brighton
(Falmer campus)

To Woodingdean/
Rottingdean

Brighton (4 miles)

Lewes (4 miles)

Falmer Residences

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A 27

B 28/29

Sportcentre Road

Gardner Centre Road

Southern Ring Road

Main entrance from west

Main entrance from east

Falmer village entrance

Knights Gate Road

No entry

Science Park Road

Eastern Ring Road

Pavilion Road

Boiler House Hill

Refectory Road

Arts Road

North South Road

Biology Road

Park Village Road

Falmer railway station

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